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SUBJECT: GOE ANNOUNCES COUP LEADER GENERAL GONZALEZ SOUGHT ASYLUM
IN US EMBASSY

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL CARLOS AGUIRRE AT 1340 HOURS LOCAL TIME, ANNOUNCED IN A RADIO STATEMENT THAT GENERAL RAUL GONZALEZ, LEADER OF THE COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST THE RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT 1:10 P.M., SEPTEMBER 1. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE THE US WAS NOT A PART OF ANY ASYLUM CONVENTION, THAT GENERAL GONZALEZ' REQUEST HAD BEEN DENIED AND HE THEREFORE PROCEEDED TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE EMBASSY AT CHILE.

2. EMBASSY PLANS TO MAKE NO STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. IF QUERIED, HOWEVER, WILL REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. QUESTION: SECRETARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION GEN. CARLOS AGUIRRE STATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT GENERAL RAUL GONZALEZ ALVEAR SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. DID HE?

RESPONSE: YES. GENERAL GONZALEZ REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 1. THE POLICY OF
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THE US ON GRANTING POLITICAL ASYLUM WAS EXPLAINED TO

HIM BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND HE DEPARTED.

B. QUESTION: WHAT IS THE AMERICAN POLICY ON POLITICAL ASYLUM?

RESPONSE: IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES NOT TO GRANT ASYLUM AT ITS UNITS OR INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF A FOREIGN STATE. IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY REFUGE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, MAY BE GRANTED IN EXTREME OR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHEREIN THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF A PERSON IS PUT IN DANGER, SUCH AS PURSUIT BY A MOB. THIS WAS NOT THE CASE WITH GENERAL GONZALEZ. C. MISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO AVOID ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MATTER.
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